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Subject: RE: CES
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Thank you Gary! Just copy and pasted the text into the design document verbatim.

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From: Drammeh, Joan
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 10:46 AM
To: Moore, Gary
Subject: RE: CES
Good morning Gary,
Please let me know if you have any revisions/edits/concerns.

CES Environmental Services, Inc.

EPA coordinates with TCEQ to clean up Houston-area waste site

By Gary Moore, On-Scene Coordinator

CES Environmental Services, Inc. Site (Site) is a former chemical recycling/waste management facility located approximately seven miles from downtown Houston, Harris County, Texas. The site is located in an environmental justice area consisting primarily of residential, educational and commercial establishments. The site was abandoned in 2010 due to Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The site is currently and continues to be managed by the bankruptcy court through a court appointed trustee. The trustee actions to address the site were for the primary benefit of the creditors which resulted in some environmental cleanup as resources were made available due to the sale of assets. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) monitored these actions.

In early 2014, the abandoned chemical facility experienced two spills associated with

vandalism. The TCEQ requested EPA assistance to address the chemical facility as the Bankruptcy Trustee did not have the sufficient resources to properly secure, clean up, and dispose of the leaking and deteriorating chemical containers. EPA initiated a removal assessment and subsequently mobilized assets in September 2014 to initiate necessary clean up actions. The EPA clean up action lasted until June 10, 2015. During the course of the response, the EPA coordinated with residents by public meetings, fact sheets, site updates, media interviews, and personal interactions with the local community, local and federal politicians, non-government organizations including the Texas Organizing Project, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, and Air Alliance Houston.

During the course of the cleanup actions, EPA removed waste from 11 vacuum boxes, 1 roll-off box, 43 ASTs, 167 drums, totes, and miscellaneous containers, 9 frac tanks, 1 subsurface oil/water separator, 19 sumps, 2 trench drain areas, contaminated soils, spill areas, and contaminated pooled water areas. The disposed material included primarily cresol contaminated waste, benzene contaminated waste, and corrosive wastes (some of which were hazardous wastes). The volume of these combined wastes disposed of by EPA was approximately: 541,719 gallons, 206,705 pounds, and 400 cubic yards.

The TCEQ and EPA have identified PRPs and a group has been entered into the TCEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program to address remaining issues at the site including assessing any remaining on and off-site contamination, as necessary, decontaminating on-site equipment, managing storm water, and managing access control.

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Joan:

Can you send me the writeup for the CES Site that was done for the Annual Report?

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